

FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the fire fighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training for and, after training, perform tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. Employees of this class are supervised by a Fire Chief and this class ranks directly below that of Fire Chief.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

The Firefighter/Operator shall rank below the Chief in authority and shall act for him in his absence. His absence meaning he is either off duty and away or there is no way to contact him.

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group. Attends special schools or courses assigned. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Trains for and performs fire fighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines; ventilating buildings; and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

Administers first aid to victims of fire and accident, either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, or related duties.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at a fire scene, providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department, conducting station tours for individuals or civic groups, or related duties.

Performs fire prevention, fire inspection, or prefire planning tasks such as inspecting fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, or portable fire extinguishers; studying the district to become familiar with the location of fire plugs or water lines; interpreting or enforcing fire laws, ordinances, and regulations, and related duties.

Drives fire equipment to and from fire. Operates fire equipment at fire scene.

Answers emergency and business telephone. Dispatches apparatus. Does preliminary paperwork on emergency incident reports.

Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met before admission to examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and being a qualified elector of the State of Louisiana.

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.